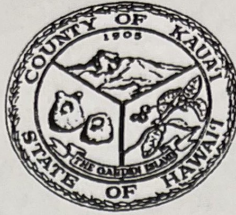


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April 18, 2019

Governor David Y. Ige
State of Hawai'i
Executive Chambers
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Governor David Ige,

Information and the invitation to a peace conference in Vologda, Russia, June 2-4, 2019, with a longer trip duration of May 31- June 10, 2019 is attached to this letter. There has been an invitation of an envoy of people affiliated with the park in Waimea sharing the names Russian Fort Elizabeth and Pa'ulaula regarding park improvement. The Russian Federation and myself have sent differing communication to yourself and the State. I became involved with this issue when people from Kaua'i's Russian American community came to me for help with communication in the very beginning of my tenure as a freshman Kaua'i Councilmember. I have stopped by your office and also spoken with Carrice Gardner. It is important to me that you are aware of this possible trip which has arisen very recently. Pacific Missile Range Facility Base Commander, Vincent Johnson, has been in this information loop. This event, The Fort Ross Dialogues, is set up by California with the involvement of former California Governors, Arnold Schwarzenegger and Jerry Brown.

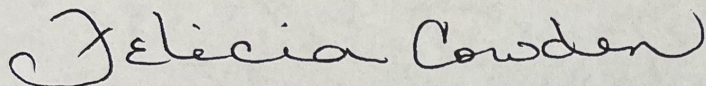
I realize that Parks Director, Alan Carpenter is likely to be very busy with the important and delicate opening of the Hā'ena State Park, but he has been invited; Martha Yent and Victoria Wichman declined, stating it is above their level of authority. The outreach is in place to the Hawaiian Civic Club. I have been asked to lead this process as I have stayed involved since I was approached for help and have developed a relationship of trust with the Russian Embassy and the Russian Center for America based in New York.

The envoy coming from Russia to California, and then to Kaua'i, includes Russian Ambassador Anatoly Antonov, National Foreign Minister Serge Lazrov, and Embassy Minister Sergey Koshelov among other dignitaries.

This invitation to the team working on the park includes Russian Americans and people of Waimea and Kaua'i. The intention is to create a better understanding of what is the broader meaning of the meetings that are a reflection of the former Russia America Company. It is basically a peace effort. The American side of the conference will be in California (Fort Ross) and Kaua'i (Fort Elizabeth) in October. The conversation at the Waimea park work group expressed the dissatisfaction of not being a part of the full conversation and organization.

This expense-paid trip is in response to that strong statement.

Mahalo for your consideration and help at whatever level you can extend,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Felicia Cowden". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and titles.

FELICIA COWDEN
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council
PSHS Committee Chair
PWVS Committee Vice Chair

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